Statement

Domestic prices of cotton in Rs. per candy

Date	DESI	J-34	H-4	S-6	DCH-32
7-11-87	4375	4850	7650	8250	9000
14-11-87	4575	4800	7650	8250	8900
17-11-87	4575	4950	7700	8500	11500

International Prices of different varieties of cotton in US Cents per lb ((Liverpool Index).

Month	Index 'A' Fine Varieties	Index 'B' Coarse Varieties
November . . .	77·20	73 40

Rally by Tibetans

1687. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether a rally was organised by Tibetans recenty at the Boat Club in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that police resorted to *lathi charge* and committed atrocities on the Tibetans; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of persons injured thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rally was organised to protest against the alleged repression of Tibetans in Lhasa.

(c) and (d) There was no *lathi charge* or any other atrocity committed. Only 3 tear-gas shells were fired to disperse the crowd when the demonstrators turned violent.

One demonstrator sustained a minor injury and 5 police officials were also injured.

Bangladesh women in Indian Jails

1688 SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1000 Bangladeshi women are in various prisons in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Human Rights Commission has requested India for their release on humanitarian grounds;

(c) whether Government would consider their repatriation as most of these are believed to be poor and illiterate women who were being exploited by unsocial elements; and

(d) whether Bangladesh Government have represented to the Government of

India on the subject, and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seizure of Synthetic Fabrics

1689. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of synthetic textile fabrics and yarn has been on the increase during the past three years;

(b) if so, what were the year-wise seizures of synthetic fabrics, yarn, etc., by the Customs and other preventive departments in 1984, 1985, 1986 and upto June, 1987 stating quantity and value thereof; and

(c) what measures Government are taking to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Reports received by the Government and seizures made indicate that synthetic fabrics and yarn continue to be sensitive to smuggling into the country. The value of synthetic fabrics and yarn seized by the Customs authorities during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto June) is given below) :—

(Value: Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Value	
	Value of synthetic fibre/yarn	Value of synthetic fabric seized
1984	81	1838
1985	1113	1647
1986	329	1459
1987 (upto June)	420	339

(c) The anti-smuggling drive throughout the country has been intensified and anti-smuggling machinery has been geared up at all the international airports and vulnerable areas of coastline and the land borders to check smuggling into the country. Close co-ordinaiton is maintained with all the concerned agencies in the prevention and detection of smuggling into the country.

Imposition of Turnover Tax on Rubber Production

1690. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the imposition of turnover tax by the Kerala Government on rubber production there is a stalemate in rubber trade and huge quantities of rubber stocks have piled up in different parts of Kerala; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ease the situation and to protect the interests of small growers, tappers and workers in rubber-based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After the commencement of strike on 26th September, 1987 the State Trading Corporation (STC) released about 1000 MT of imported rubber to help genuine consumers in the non-tyre small sector. With the withdrawal of strike by the rubber dealers in Kerala with effect